

the five year planning period (1997-98 through 2001-02), unless otherwise specified.

C. Resource Protection Issues

1. **Areas of Environmental Concern (AEC)**

BACKGROUND

In Kill Devil Hills, these areas are covered under existing CAMA regulations and discussed in detail in Chapter III, Section B, part 9, items. C, pages III-17 through III-22.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation were completed by the Town.

POLICY

The Town supports the guidelines of the Coastal Area Management Act and the associated policies of the Coastal Resources Commission but reserves the right to oppose specific sections of the CAMA. The Town is opposed to any additional AEC designations or the extension or enlargement of any existing AEC designations within its borders.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will be represented at Coastal Resources Commission meetings and workshops and will participate in discussions and public hearings concerning issues relevant to the Town's interests. The Town was represented at ad hoc committee meetings of the Governor=s Coastal Futures Committee. The Town will continue to be represented at State sponsored water quality meetings.

2. **Hazardous or Fragile Areas**

a. 404 Wetlands, Freshwater Swamps, and Marshes

BACKGROUND

In Kill Devil Hills, these areas are regulated by existing CAMA or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations. Corps of Engineers regulates 404 wetlands. State regulated coastal marshes must attach to a water body and be regulated by CAMA. Presently, consultants are used by prospective builders to verify the presence or absence of wetlands. Reports are submitted to the Corps of Engineers for verification and then to the Town to review and issue permits as appropriate.

A policy identical to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation -- also identical -- were completed by the Town.